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SUBJ: OBASANJO: "LET US KEEP OUR HEAD AND OUR PLEDGE"

REF: LAGOS 8330

1. IN A JULY 6 MESSAGE TO COMMEMORATE ARMY DAY, FMG HEAD
OF STATE OBASANJO APPEALED TO THE MILITARY TO FACILITATE A SMOOTH
TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN RULE IN 1979. ACCORDING TO THE DAILY
TIMES ACCOUNT, OBASANJO SAID:

"WITH THE ARMED FORCES IN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, LET THIS DAY ALSO
REMIND US OF OUR SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY. LET US KEEP OUR HEAD AND
OUR PLEDGE TO ACHIEVE A SMOOTH AND ORDERLY TRANSFER OF POLITICAL
RESPONSIBILITY TO DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED ADMINISTRATION."

OBASANJO CONCLUDED THAT THE MILITARY SHOULD LEAVE "A LEGACY OF
A UNITED COUNTRY AND THAT OF AN OPEN, PARTICIPATORY AND ORDERLY
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT."

2. COMMENT: WE WOULD IMAGINE THAT OBASANJO'S REMARKS SHOW THAT
HE IS NOT UNAWARE OF THE RUMORS OF DIFFICULTIES IN THE ARMY
OVER A RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE IN 1979.

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